



CITY COUNCIL
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CONSENT CALENDAR
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TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Councilmember Linda Maio

SUBJECT: Addressing Pedestrian and Cyclist Safety on Sacramento Street at the North Berkeley BART Station

RECOMMENDATION:

Conduct a study of current conditions, including communication with BART representatives, and new traffic control infrastructure on Sacramento Street at the North Berkeley BART Station, with emphasis on cost sharing of appropriate mechanism to enable pedestrians to safely cross Sacramento north of Delaware Street.

BACKGROUND:

Many residents, employees and visitors from the area around the North Berkeley BART Station use BART for daily commute as well as non-commute trips. The BART station has the benefit of proximity to some of Berkeley's best bike and pedestrian infrastructure: the Ohlone Greenway park and bike/ped path, the West Street bike path, and the adjacent bike boulevard on Virginia Street. The BART station itself opens onto Sacramento, directly across from Virginia Street. Sacramento is a wide and high-speed, auto-oriented corridor that is a primary path for vehicular circulation north and south through the city.

Currently, bike and pedestrian infrastructure at the intersection of Sacramento and Delaware is successful, and provides safe access to the bike/ped path east of Sacramento. However, the crosswalk at Virginia does not contain traffic controls and results in dangerous access for pedestrians and cyclists. Because the BART station encompasses a long city block, cyclists and pedestrians attempting to travel east and west on Virginia will not walk south to cross Sacramento at Delaware. Study of current conditions and new traffic control infrastructure, such as a pedestrian crosswalk light at this intersection, should be considered, as well as cost sharing with BART.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Staff time and infrastructure improvements.

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